

STATE LEADS IN SMALL FRUITS

MICH. ADVANCING RAPIDLY IN GROWING SMALL FRUITS SAYS U. S. REPORT.

Michigan is the leading state in the Union in the production of small fruits. While in 1909 it was third, in the decade following it jumped to first place in the total acreage devoted to strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, dewberries, cranberries, currant and other berries, according to a bulletin made public by the United States census bureau. In 1919 it had 21,021 acres devoted to berry production.

At the time of the taking of the last census the Wolverine state's total production of all berries amounted to 23,946,801 quarts. This was less than the state produced in 1909, but in the decade the state advanced from fourth to third place.

Michigan had 8,048 acres in strawberries in 1919, ranking third where ten years previous it ranked fifth. Its production of strawberries was 12,585,543 quarts, being third among the states in strawberry yield where 10 years before it had been sixth.

Raspberry production in Michigan in 1919 amounted to 7,657,919 quarts, only two states having a greater production. Ten years previous the state's production of raspberries amounted to 8,381,943 quarts. Michigan produced 2,452,009 quarts of blackberries and dewberries in 1919, while in 1909 it produced 3,075,254 quarts. It now ranks sixth in production of these two varieties of berries.

The total acreage of small fruits harvested in the United States in 1919 was 243,084 as compared with 272,460 in 1909, a decrease of 29,376 or 8.6 per cent. New York, New Jersey and Missouri rank next to Michigan in total acreage of small fruits. Total acreage of strawberries was 119,395 as compared with 143,943 in 1909. Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas and Michigan are leading strawberry states.

The acreage of raspberries and loganberries in 1919 was 54,256 as compared with 48,668 in 1909. The production in 1919 was 61,333,509 quarts as compared with 60,918,106 quarts 10 years previous. There were 46,165 acres in blackberries and dewberries in 1919 as compared with 49,004 in 1909. Production was 39,945,078 quarts in 1919 and 55,343,570 quarts in 1909. The total acreage in cranberries dropped from 18,431 in 1909 to 16,804 in 1919. The production fell in the same period from 38,243,060 quarts to 35,260,291 quarts. There were 7,379 acres of currants in 1919 as compared with 7,862 in 1909. The production in 1919 was 7,222,817 quarts compared with 10,448,332 quarts in 1909.

Load of Wagons and Trucks Is Limited

Drivers of wagons and trucks are cautioned to beware as the law strictly limits the size of loads which can be hauled over the roads of the county. It will no longer be in order for those hauling loads to see how big loads they can haul, for by so doing they may subject themselves to a fine or imprisonment.

At least one township in Gratiot county has already taken action through its highway commissioner to prevent excessive loads. Elba township has posted notices quoting the law.

Wagon tires 1 inch wide can carry but 400 pounds to the wheel; 3 inches but 1400 to the wheel. Trucks with 2 inch tires, running 20 miles an hour, but 700 pounds per wheel; 4 inch tires, running 18 miles, but 1900 pounds per wheel; 7 inch tires, running 12 miles per hour, but 3200 pounds per wheel. It would be well to look up the exact tables for all tires. Other limitations are made on account of frost, rain, etc.

Fines are assessed from \$5 to \$50, or imprisonment of 30 days. It is the duty of the sheriff to make all township and district highway commissioners his deputies to enforce the law.

Alma Ten Years Ago This Week

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan Francis King of Alma was elected as a member of the board of trustees of Alma College.

Rev. J. W. Priest began his pastorate at the First Baptist Church of this city on October 22, coming to Alma from Fenton.

Work by the Alma Choral Union for the fall and winter months was started.

Alma was without electric lights on Sunday and no church services were held at any of the churches of the city that evening as a result.

A suit started against the Pere Marquette railroad for blocking the streets for more than twenty-five minutes with trains, was settled by the railroad paying the costs when it was shown that an order had been issued to correct the situation.

Mrs. Samuel Anderson, aged 64 years an old resident of this city, passed away.

Local Happenings Tersely Told

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-tfe

Get your auto license plates of Sharrar & Watson, Alma, Mich. 78tf Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hext spent the week end visiting with friends in Bay City.

Have you planted your bulbs yet? Get them at D. Kleinhans Floral Co.—advertisement.

William W. Cushing has been called to Kalamazoo by the serious illness of his sister.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-tf

Long and short distance trucking. Rudeck's Big 3-ton Republic. Phone 671.—advertisement.

G. C. Giles and family left Monday for Tampa, Florida, where they will spend the winter months.

Mrs. M. E. Hulse left Saturday for Portsmouth, Va., where she will spend the winter with her son and wife.

Mrs. V. H. Shepard returned Friday from a three weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Brehm, in Minneapolis.

St. Johns Guild will meet with Mrs. G. S. Ward, 311 Woodworth avenue, Thursday afternoon, November 3, at 2 o'clock.

Captain Daisie MacLaine of the Owosso Salvation Army was in the city visiting with former friends Monday.

Mrs. Ethel Bailey attended the Grand Lodge of Rebekahs at Lansing last week as a delegate from the Alma lodge.

We will again conduct a dancing school in the Hall over post office, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 8 to 10:30.—advertisement 22-2w

Mrs. H. M. Dunham, Sr., left Saturday for a few weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Moore, and family, at Kalamazoo.

James Howe, who is attending Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, spent the week end in Alma, visiting at the home of his parents.

Donald Dunham of this city, a Junior in Albion College, has been elected a member of the athletic board of control at Albion.

Frank E. Slusser attended the Ypsi-Alma game at Ypsilanti Saturday morning, and the Michigan-Ohio game at Ann Arbor Saturday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Lehner attended the Michigan State Normal-Alma game at Ypsilanti Saturday morning and the Michigan-Ohio game at Ann Arbor that afternoon.

Coch Roy Campbell and his Alma College football players attended the Ohio-Michigan game at Ann Arbor Saturday afternoon, while enroute home from Ypsilanti.

Rev. William H. Mason of Saginaw formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, has been honored by having been unanimously elected as the president of the Saginaw Ministerial Association at a meeting of the organization held Monday at the Saginaw Y. M. C. A.

M. D. Wilcox, Rev. J. A. Mulvey, Dr. C. F. DuBois, Professors Roy Hamilton and Beausing, and Homer M. Dunham attended the Michigan State Normal - Alma game at Ypsilanti Saturday morning, and in the afternoon attended the University of Michigan-Ohio State game at Ann Arbor.

President H. M. Crooks and A. B. Sheldon returned Wednesday from a business trip in the upper peninsula of Michigan, where they have been going over some territory in the Lake Superior region that has not yet been canvassed in the Alma College endowment campaign. Some intensive work will be put forth in that territory before the end of the present year.

Mrs. Ethel Harder and Mrs. Jennie Robinson of near Midland spent the week end with the latter's brother, A. M. Robinson, of Eastward street.

Mrs. Charles Fredericks and her son Olin have gone to Mesick to help in the potato harvesting.

Walter, the little son of Opal Allen, Grove avenue, who has been suffering with swollen glands, is much better.

John Nicholson and family of Lake Odessa spent the week end with Geo. Rule and family on Michigan ave.

The John Watson family has moved into the house formerly occupied by George Andrews at 1314 Michigan avenue.

The James Fitzgerald family of Beebe has moved into a house on Cherry street.

William McFarland and family have moved from the south side to a house on Cherry street.

Seth Evilsizer, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, and Mrs. Dan Cole went to Edmore Monday to visit at the home of the latter's son, Earl, where Mrs. Cole's 47th birthday was celebrated. Four generations of the Cole family and three generations of the Wright family were gathered around the table at the birthday dinner that was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman of Republic avenue entertained friends from Breckenridge Sunday.

Opal Allen of Grove avenue entertained his parents of Breckenridge and his uncle, Bruce Allen, of Perrinton, over Sunday.

Ami Frost and family with his uncle, T. Frost, have moved into a house on Cherry street.

Ruth Grover, daughter of Frank Grover, Grover avenue, is slowly recovering from an attack of infantile paralysis.

Mrs. S. Griffith, Hannah ave., is reported as being ill.

Earl Cole and family of Edmore spent Tuesday with the Garrison family on Bridge street.

Fred Hare, Eastward street, returned home last Friday from Berrien Center.

Mrs. Thorp, who formerly lived on Republic avenue, is lying very low with tuberculosis at the home of relatives near Wheeler.

Miss Zena Robinson, Eastward st., left on Sunday to spend a few days with Mrs. Goldie Wonnacut of Lansing. Mrs. Wonnacut was formerly Miss Goldie Switzer of Eastward st.

On Monday, Oct. 31, Miss Zena Robinson leaves for Saginaw to work for Mrs. Carr during the coming winter.

Sam Baird of Elmwood avenue was married some weeks ago to Miss Anna Marshall, of Moline, Ill., it has been learned.

The La Rue family has moved from Eastward street into the house on Elmwood avenue formerly occupied by the Shumway family.

The Parent-Teacher Club was addressed by Mr. Babcock, editor of the Alma Record, on the subject "Do It Now!" His address was greatly appreciated and was very timely and to the point. Mrs. Babcock sang several numbers which were enthusiastically applauded.

Rev. J. M. Gelston, D. D., will conduct Divine worship at Eastminster chapel Sunday. Morning service at 11:30; evening at 7.

Carmen Hamp of Grove avenue has returned from Illinois and is working for Mr. Conrod.

Peculiar London Street.

What is the most curious street name in London? It would be hard, perhaps, to find an older one than Crooked Usage, in Chelsea, which in all probability recalls very ancient days when the plow was the commonest object in that region. It has been suggested that the straight strips of grass between the various holdings of land were known as usages, and that we owe the name to the circumstance that one of these cartways or usages was crooked. The history of London street names has endless fascination and interest.

Ancient Song.

The English-speaking peoples' song of acclamation, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," is sung to a tune that has been popular for a thousand years or more. Composed, it is said, in Babylon, the ancient Egyptians popularized it in Africa and Asia Minor, where the Arabs sing it to this day.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 21:1-10

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob Selah.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this king of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this king of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory. Selah.

"Let's drink to the boozes, the men who pin their faith to pretty cheats like you and get stung."—Then Anatol's party began. See the riotous results at the Strand Sunday and Monday.—advertisement.

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